Contribution of Punjab to Central Pool of Foodgrains

1264. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the contribution of Punjab to the central pool of foodgrains during the last five years;

(b) the details of contribution made by the other States to the central pool of foodgrains; and

(c) the details of foodgrains, rice allotted to the States during this period, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Statements showing the Statewise contribution of Rice and Wheat for Central Pool during the years 1992-93 to 1996-97 are given in Annexure I & II respectively. *[See* Appendix 181, Annexure No. 32]

(c) Statements showing state-wise allotment of Rice and Wheat during the years 1992-93 to 1996-97 are given at Annexure *[See* Appendix 184, Annexure No. 33].

Only Sugar to be Supplied to Affluent Section under PDS

1265. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to provide adequate quantities of rice and wheat to persons living below poverty line, Government have decided to restrict public distribution supplies to affluent sections only to sugar;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken in that directions; and

(c) whether the middle-economic strata of society is likely to be deprived of their due quota and hit hard under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir." Under the Targeted Public Distribution System persons living below poverty line will be provided 10 kg. of foodgrains per family per month at specially subsidised Central Issue Prices. However, foodgrains will also be provided under PDS to Above Poverty Line (APL) population at the Central Issue Prices fixed for APL families.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Procurement of Rice during the Kharif season commencing from October, 1997

1266. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of rice proposed to be procured by different State Governments during the Kharif season commencing from October, 1997;

(b) the monthly need of rice of each State for public distribution; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) It is pre-mature to indicate at this stage the estimates of procurement of rice for the Kharif Marketing season 1997-98.

(b) and (c) Allocation of rice and wheat to various States/UTs is being made under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) from June, 1997. The requirement of foodgrains for Below Poverty Line (BPL) population has been worked out so as to provide 10 Kgs. of foodgrains per family per month. Transitory allocation of foodgrains is also